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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents Box New Patent Application Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks in connection with the prosecution of the captioned application, which is a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and claims priority to international application number PCT/GB99/04395 filed December 23, 1999 and to application number 9828853.3 filed in Great Britain on December 30, 1998.

In the Claims

Please amend page 6, line 1 as follows:

[CLAIMS]

What is claimed is:

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. (once amended) The method of [any of claims 1 to 4]claim 1 wherein the biological molecule is a peptide or a protein.

